



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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December 4, 1997

Jim Pledger, Treasurer
Democratic Party of Arkansas-
Federal Account
1300 West Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Identification Number: C00024372

Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/97-6/30/97)

Dear Mr. Pledger:

On November 5, 1997, you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Upon further review of your November 20, 1997, response you still need to address the following:

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): Gore expenses. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses a payment of \$15,000 to the Democratic National Committee on May 5, 1997. If this is a transfer to an affiliated committee it does not qualify as a shared expense to be allocated between your federal and non-federal accounts. Transfers to affiliated committees should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 22 of the Detailed

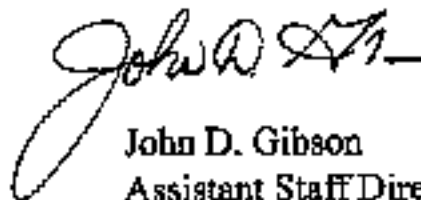
Summary Page. Any portion of this payment received from your non-federal account must be transferred back to the non-federal account.

If the Democratic National Committee was acting as a vendor, please clarify the services or goods provided by it for the "Jefferson-Jackson Dinner" fundraiser. Please amend your report by clarifying this transaction.

If this information is not received by the Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions related to this matter, please contact Scott Francis on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

